

**Opening Statement Introduction of Greta Harris Before the House  
Financial Services Subcommittee on Housing (9/17/02)**

Madame Chairman,

I would like to thank the chair for convening this hearing today.

Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a Virginia resident who is testifying before us today.

Greta Harris is here testifying on behalf of the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, or LISC. Greta is the Senior Program Director of the Richmond LISC organization. She has an undergraduate degree in architecture from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in architectural and urban design from Columbia University. For the last ten years, Greta has worked for community development corporations in Philadelphia and Richmond.

She joined the Richmond chapter of LISC as a Program Director in 1997, and in 2000, she was named Senior Program Director. Greta currently serves on the City of Richmond's Industrial Development Authority and the Neighborhoods In Bloom Advisory Board. She and I have had a close working relationship since my election to Congress, one which we both hope will foster growth in downtown Richmond, and I look forward to her testimony.

Again, welcome Greta. Thank you Madame Chairman, and I yield back the balance of my time.